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Several very distinct varieties of Apple are now known in the nurseries and gardens by the name of *Nonpareil*: the *Green*, the *Summer*, the *Golden*, and the *Scarlet*, have already been communicated to the HORTICULTURAL COMMITTEE: and of these the *Scarlet* seems to possess the strongest claims to preference. The original tree is said to have been raised, within the last forty years, in the garden of a public-house at *Esher*, in *Surrey*, and from thence to have been removed to the Nursery of GRIMWOOD and WYKES, (now MALCOLM'S), at *Kensington*; from whence plants in great abundance have been dispersed. The trees closely resemble the common *Nonpareil* in habit, in foliage, and the form of their fruit, the colour of which is brilliant red, on the side next the sun, with streaks or blotches of russet: these, however, disappear, when the fruit has been grown in a favourable soil and aspect: a few streaks of deeper red are perceptible on the ground colour: the shaded part of the fruit is green, with a tinge of russet brown: the eye small, not deeply inserted, surrounded by a few plaits or wrinkles: the flesh is firm, and highly charged with the flavour peculiar to the *Nonpareil*. It is in season from January till the end of February, and with care may be preserved much later.